

REMARKS

Claims 10, 13-34, and 38-47 are pending. Claim 34 is the only independent claims.

The claims have been amended to clarify the invention for which protection is sought.

The only outstanding prior art rejection is an obviousness-type double patenting rejection over U.S. Patent No. 6,576,930. The action states that the obviousness-type double patenting rejection is based on U.S. Patent No. 6,576,936, however, applicants representative, Marc Wefers, contacted the Examiner on September 28, 2004 and the Examiner confirmed that this was a typographical error and that the obviousness-type double patenting rejection was in fact over U.S. Patent No. 6,576,930, which commonly owned with the present application.

To expedite allowance, we enclose a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection. Accordingly, we ask that the application be allowed.

We note that a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and a Revocation and New Power of Attorney are also being filed together with this Reply.

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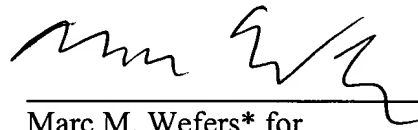
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Enclosed is a \$450.00 check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 12406-003001.

Respectfully submitted,

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***See attached document certifying that Marc M. Wefers has limited recognition to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office under 37 C.F.R. § 11.9(b).**